

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 507

BY REPRESENTATIVES LANDRY, CORTEZ, EDWARDS, HARDY, HONORE,  
LEGER, NORTON, AND ST. GERMAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:408(B)(3)(f) and 414.2(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and  
3 (2)(introductory paragraph) and (c), relative to commercial driver's license holders;  
4 to prohibit certain persons from operating school buses; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:408(B)(3)(f) and 414.2(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and  
8 (2)(introductory paragraph) and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §408. Examination of applicants required; classes of licenses

10 \* \* \*

11 B.

12 \* \* \*

13 (3) The department shall issue endorsements for commercial drivers' licenses  
14 if applicants for such endorsements pass the appropriate knowledge and skills tests  
15 necessary for issuance of the endorsement and if the applicant passes any requisite  
16 security assessment for issuance of a particular endorsement. However, if an  
17 applicant for an endorsement is eligible for a waiver of the test requirements  
18 pursuant to any applicable federal waiver program implemented by the department  
19 at the time the applicant applies for the endorsement, the department shall issue the  
20 endorsement to the applicant. A federal waiver program may be implemented at the  
21 department's discretion. The following endorsements shall be available to the classes  
22 of commercial drivers' licenses:

23 \* \* \*

1 (f) "S"-school bus. This endorsement shall be denied or canceled if the  
 2 applicant is disqualified in accordance with R.S. 32:414.2(E).

3 \* \* \*

4 §414.2. Commercial motor vehicle drivers; disqualification; issuance of Class "D"  
 5 or "E" license; alcohol content in breath and blood; implied consent

6 \* \* \*

7 E.(1) Unless a longer suspension or disqualification period is provided for  
 8 in Subsections A through D of this Section, a commercial driver's license applicant  
 9 or holder shall be disqualified from operating a school bus for a period of ten years  
 10 for the following:

11 \* \* \*

12 (2) ~~The disqualification period imposed by this Subsection may be reduced~~  
 13 Upon application of the driver, the department may reinstate the "S" endorsement if  
 14 the driver meets all of the following conditions:

15 \* \* \*

16 (c) The driver has successfully completed medical treatment or medically  
 17 approved group therapy or special education courses for or about the disease of  
 18 alcoholism, alcohol abuse, or drug abuse, in a suitable public or private institution  
 19 or program approved by the appropriate state authority following the disqualifying  
 20 offense or refusal.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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